

# cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

APRIL 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF FAIRFAX

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) event is changing quickly, and municipalities—and their communities— are adapting to new situations daily.

In the City of Fairfax, your health and welfare are our top priority. We are working closely with officials from the Fairfax County Health Department, the city's public health services provider, to carefully monitor the situation and minimize potential issues.

Please stay abreast of news and information from your trusted fact-based resources: City of Fairfax ([fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus](http://fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus)), Fairfax County Health Department ([fairfaxcounty.gov](http://fairfaxcounty.gov), click on "Coronavirus Updates"), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)).

In an abundance of caution, municipalities are closing public facilities, such as schools, and postponing large-scale events. We will continue to use multiple tools to keep you informed of service changes.

We also will continue to work with regional partners to protect and serve vulnerable populations.

The city is taking extra precautions regarding facilities and services — but we also need you to follow best practices to keep yourself and others as safe as possible.

This is a quickly evolving event that may continue for a period of time. We cannot predict the future, but we can plan for potential situations and follow best practices. We encourage you to stay informed.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this unprecedented situation.

### INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

#### City of Fairfax

website: [fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus](http://fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus)

email: [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov)

phone: 703.385.7800

Text FXCCOVID19 to 888-777 for City of Fairfax-related information and updates

#### Fairfax County Health Department

(City's public health services provider)

Website: [fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19)

Call Center: 703.267.3511

Text FFXCOVID to 888-777 for Fairfax Health District information and updates

#### Fairfax Water (water provider)

Website: [fairfaxwater.org](http://fairfaxwater.org)

Phone: 703.698.5800

#### Virginia Department of Health

Website: [vdh.virginia.gov](http://vdh.virginia.gov)

Phone: 877.ASK.VDH3

#### CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Website: [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)

**In case of emergency, dial 911**

### HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM COVID-19

Information and graphics courtesy of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Clean your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your face.



Avoid close contact, and put distance between yourself and others.



Stay home if you're sick, except to get medical care.



Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or use the inside of your elbow. Throw away the tissue, then wash your hands.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.



# CITY NEWS

## EVERYONE COUNTS! CENSUS 2020

Census Day is April 1

### Have you completed your census form?

The U.S. Census Bureau sent a letter to your household with your unique code, and directions on how to complete your form online. If you haven't filled out your form, or need to request a paper form, do it today!

Your response help designate funds for vital public services — as much as \$12,000 per person. If you don't respond, you don't count, and that costs everyone in our community. *Information: 301.763.INFO, 1.800.923.8282, ask.census.gov, census.gov*

### Schools Offer Grab-and-Go Breakfast and Lunch During School Closures

To help Fairfax families during the COVID-19 health situation while schools are closed, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is providing Grab and Go meals at selected sites throughout the county, including Providence Elementary School, 3616 Jermantown Rd. Meals are available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday — and are free for students and \$2 for adults.

In addition, FCPS buses are delivering meals along some bus routes with five stops in the Fairfax HS pyramid. School buses will stop at designated intersections to deliver these meals Monday-Friday. Please check [FCPS.edu](http://FCPS.edu) for times and locations.

*Information: [fcps.edu](http://fcps.edu), [cityoffairfaxschools.org](http://cityoffairfaxschools.org), 703.385.7910*



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### Protect Yourself: Doubt, Deny, Verify

Scams come in many forms. The City of Fairfax Police Department urges the public exercise vigilance and protection with three easy actions.

- **Doubt** unsolicited emails, calls, and sales visits to your home or business. Legitimate organizations and government agencies don't intimidate, ask for personal information, or accept cash, gifts cards, or crypto-currency. Remember, Caller ID can be faked.
- **Deny** money or personal information until you verify.
- **Verify** by calling the actual business or office. Still not sure? Call Police Dispatch at 703.385.7924, day or night.

### Real Estate Tax Relief, Rent Relief Applications Due April 15

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax relief and rent relief for senior citizens and city residents with permanent and total disabilities. Different types of relief are granted to qualified applicants on a sliding-scale and based on income.

- Qualified homeowners may choose *basic tax relief, tax deferral, tax freeze, or combination tax freeze and deferral.*
- Virginia offers a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.
- Rent relief is available for senior citizens or renters with permanent and total disabilities. Current program participants have received renewal forms from the Finance Department. New applicants may request an application package by mail.

*Submissions are due April 15.*  
703.359.2486

### Curbside Leaf Collection Tuesdays in April

On Tuesdays in April, vacuum trucks collect loose leaves raked to the curb in residential neighborhoods that receive city curbside refuse collection service. Please rake leaves to the curb by 7 am on collection days: April 7, 14, 21, and 28. **Bagged leaves are not collected in April.** 703.385.7810, 703.385.LEAF

### Glass Recycling Options

**UPDATED:** **PURPLE CAN CLUB IS SUSPENDED** and Purple Can containers have been removed throughout Fairfax, including Page Avenue.

City residents are encouraged recycle household glass jars and bottles at the I-66 Transfer Station (4618 West Ox Rd., Fairfax) and I-95 Landfill Complex (9850 Furnace Rd., Lorton).

Fairfax City recycling crews will continue to collect glass curbside, until further notice.

*Information: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), search "glass recycling"*



## BUDGET REVIEW CONTINUES; ADOPTION SET FOR MAY 6

Join the Mayor and City Council in the discussion of the city's proposed annual budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

The budget is the city's single most important document. It determines the future, funding projects and programs that lay the groundwork for the community's future accomplishments. The CIP identifies capital projects for the next five years, including the next fiscal year projects to be included in the budget.

### What can you do?

- Review the proposed budget and CIP
- Watch City Council work sessions and meetings (City Hall Annex, Cityscreen-12)
- Comment on the proposed budget via [Connect2FairfaxCity.com](http://Connect2FairfaxCity.com)

### Fiscal Year 2020-21 Proposed Budget Review Schedule

**April 7:** Work session

**April 14:** Introduction of rates for commercial and industrial property tax, wastewater

**April 28:** Real estate tax rate public hearing; work session

**May 6 (Wednesday):** Public hearing; budget adoption

Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and televised on Cityscreen-12. **Schedule is subject to change.** [fairfaxva.gov/budget](http://fairfaxva.gov/budget), 703.385.7870

### Stay Alert No Matter How You Travel

The days are longer and warmer, and more people are out and about: walking, cycling, and riding e-scooters and other mobility options.

As always, stay alert for your fellow travelers, rain or shine — and be courteous.

Rules to travel by: avoid distractions, be aware of your surroundings, be visible, pay attention, and obey all traffic laws.

*Got questions about shared e-scooters? Visit [fairfaxva.gov/dockless](http://fairfaxva.gov/dockless).*

# ELECTION INFORMATION

**CITY GENERAL ELECTION**  
**MAY 5**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**NOW**

## Absentee voting continues for City General Election

**APRIL 13**

Final day to register to vote, or update voter registration records, before May 5 election

**APRIL 28**

## Final day to request absentee ballots by mail

## MAY 2

## Final day for in-person absentee voting

## MAY 5

Polls open 6 am to 7 pm

*Polling location information, voter assistance:  
fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703.385.7891*

# Vote At Home

To minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19, the Office of Elections encourages voters to request and vote an absentee ballot by mail. All voters may request an absentee ballot using Reason Code 2A – My disability or illness.

### What comes next:

1. Submit a completed, signed Absentee Ballot Application form.
2. Office of Elections will mail you your ballot.
3. Vote your ballot at home (see notes below).
4. Return the ballot.

### How to request your absentee ballot application:

- Online: [vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov)
- Email: [Registrar@FairfaxVA.gov](mailto:Registrar@FairfaxVA.gov)
- Mail: 10455 Armstrong Street, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030
- Phone: 703-385-7891
- Fax: 703-591-8364

**Please note:**

- Your ballot will be mailed within three days of receiving and approving your signed application.
- Allow sufficient time to receive and return the voted ballot by mail.
- DO NOT DELAY in requesting or submitting your ballot.

Information: [fairfaxva.gov/vote](http://fairfaxva.gov/vote), 703.385.7891

**Commonwealth of Virginia, SAMPLE BALLOT** Ballot Style: 1

City of Fairfax  
General Election  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020

**Making Selections**  
To vote for a candidate, fill in the red box next to the name.  
To write in a candidate who is not already on the ballot, fill in the red box and write the name of the person on the line.  
If you want to change a vote, or if you have made a mistake, ask an election worker for another ballot. If you make marks on this ballot besides filling in the box, your vote may not be counted.

**Mayor**  
Vote for only one  
☐ David L. Meyer  
  
☐ Mark B. Angres  
  
☐ Write in \_\_\_\_\_

**Member City Council**  
Vote for not more than six  
☐ Joseph D. Harmon  
  
☐ Jon R. Stehle Jr.  
  
☐ Janice B. Miller  
  
☐ So P. Lim  
  
☐ Sang H. Yi  
  
☐ Kate G. Doyle Feingold  
  
☐ D.T. "Tom" Ross  
  
☐ Write in \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Member School Board**  
Vote for not more than five  
☐ Carolyn S. Pitches  
  
☐ Tobin M. "Toby" Sorensen  
  
☐ Mitch A. "But" Sutterfield  
  
☐ Robert M. Reinsel  
  
☐ Jon A. Buttram  
  
☐ Kristina M. Cecere  
  
☐ Write in \_\_\_\_\_  
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AUTHORIZED BY  
THE ELECTION BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF FAIRFAX  
10401 BRIDLEWOOD STREET  
FAIRFAX, VA 22030

Notice: This authority statement on this sample ballot must be removed and replaced with the appropriate authority statement for the candidate, committee, individual or group using this ballot for their own purposes. Any reproduction of this ballot NOT to be printed on white or yellow paper. The authority statement used for this ballot must comply with the requirements of either federal or state law, as appropriate. For state requirements, see 24.2-402 and 24.2-406 of the Code of Virginia. For federal requirements call the Federal Election Commission, 1-800-424-9530.

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## Voter Sticker Contest

Entries are Due May 15

**All K-12 students are invited to enter the voter sticker contest. The entry MUST say 'I Voted' or 'Future Voter' and mention the City of Fairfax. The entry can NOT have any symbols or words that are partisan in nature.**



**For more information, go to the city website, search "election sticker"**



Mayor David L. Meyer ([david.meyer@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:david.meyer@fairfaxva.gov))

#### City Council

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## Fire Department Awarded CPSE Accredited Agency Status



The City of Fairfax Fire Department received Accredited Agency status with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE).

This prestigious recognition was given for meeting the criteria of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International's (CFAI) voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program.

The city joins 87 fire departments across the U.S. that hold both the ISO Class 1 Rating and Accredited Agency status.

There are currently 270 accredited fire departments in the United States, Canada, and U.S. Department of Defense installations across the world.

Information: 703.385.7940



## WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

### The city needs people LIKE YOU

to fill the following vacancies on these boards and commissions: Board of Building Code of Appeals (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy); Board of Zoning Appeals (two vacancies for city residents); Commission on the Arts (one vacancy for a city resident); Community Appearance Committee (two vacancies for city residents); Environmental Sustainability Committee (two vacancies for city residents); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy for a city resident); Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident); Personnel Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident and one vacancy for an alternate member). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year and be a registered voter at their current address.

To apply, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and search "board vacancies," or call 703.385.7935. **Deadline: April 14**